

Gilroy Free Public Library  
195 Fifth Street  
Gilroy  
Santa Clara County  
California

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~~HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA~~

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Architectural and Engineering Record  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20243

STATE CALIFORNIA	COUNTY SANTA CLARA	TOWN OR VICINITY GILROY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) GILROY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (Gilroy Historical Museum)		HABS NO. CA-2093
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Gilroy Historical Museum		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 195 Fifth St., Gilroy, Santa Clara County, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1910 (Gilroy Historical Museum)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William H. Weeks (Gilroy Historical Museum)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A good example of an early 20th-century Beaux-Arts-classical small town Carnegie Library, the building served its original purpose from 1910 until 1975. In 1976 it was entirely occupied by the local historical museum, which formerly occupied the basement only.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Beaux-Arts Classical		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with stone basement and trim, masonry bearing wall construction.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, dimensions not recorded.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Roman Doric entrance portico with pediment, entablature with denticulated cornice, paneled roof parapet, laurel-mantled shell motif in pediment, lion head ornaments on low central attic, arched entrance, large triple windows with single transoms.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Beyond shallow vestibule is central rotunda with reading rooms at either side approached through arched openings. West reading room has fireplace on north wall. Office is centered north of rotunda, opposite main entrance. Small reading room in northwest angle has stairs to basement.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Building remains substantially as built - no major structural changes. Altered from library for museum use in 1975.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition excellent. Used as Gilroy Historical Museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Gilroy Historical Museum staff - telephone call 11/05/81		
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